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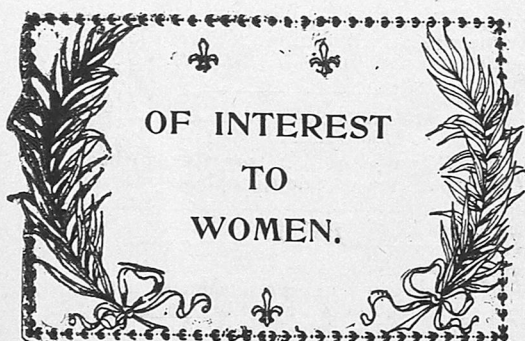
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By THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

**W**ITH August comes the golden rod and China aster, two complementary tints which serve as decoration for the painting of china, ornamentations of screens, excellent patterns for silks and satins, and the upholstery for rooms and the like.

**M**ANY of the water-color artists make for themselves in August time numbers of sketches which serve as models in floral designs, fruit devices, pretty woodland landscapes, which, although not great in their way, give to decorative stuffs little tender country views, which, when finished, act as charming accessories for the household when active preparations for autumn furnishings are made.

**W**HILE china-painting is being done by the amateur, there are small wares with ornamental edges which can be purchased at a low sum, and serve as pretty table accessories. A set of small plates can be painted by the copying of natural flowers, such as roses, daisies, golden rod and China asters. To finish these affairs in an artistic manner a metallic lustre can be given on the edges of any tint desired, which, when fired, produces a brilliant effect.

**T**ABLE decorations for August should be as light as possible. Nothing is prettier than the wild cucumber or the hop vine. Delicate green foliage has always a cool effect, and these vines, above all others, are charmingly desirable. As an August screen, let the carpenter make for you an excellent pine frame; cover well with dark grey linen in good tones. As a centre panel the golden rod and China aster will, if rightly grouped, form a picturesque effect. By contrast the side divisions may be adorned in a heraldic design in a darker grey and outlined in gold. As an inside lining, any suitable tint in silk-oline will answer well the purpose. Finish all edges with a leatherette binding and embossed tacks at equal distances.

**A**MONG the field flowers which perhaps have but little value, the Michaelmas daisy has but small show. And yet as a porch decoration it looks exceedingly well. This unpretentious blossom can be used as a pretty decoration combined with the maiden-hair fern in the painting of small dessert plates, for care should be taken that not too large a blossom should be given to small china surfaces. Even the embroidered cloth will present a good appearance by the depicting of these small-sized daisies. They are easy to wash, and

for the novice who is not fully skilled in the handling of flosses, wash silks and the like this blossom will serve as a treasure for a beginner.

**W**ITH these same blossoms a shade for a lamp can be made out of water-color paper. This round affair should fit exactly the wire frame. It can be painted in bunches of golden rod, or a border can be given in a wealth of China asters, the lower edge finished by a three-inch fringe of rich yellow, while at the top, a gilt band can be added to this artistic plan.

**W**E ARE told on good authority that the clover has become a power—the wayside red and white clover. It has had this season a wonderful part in the trimmings of hats, and now the worker in linens has adopted it, and no doubt the time will come when it will be as popular as flowers of greater value. For bouquets it is exceedingly pretty, especially as a background for blossoms of a more varied tint. We are informed that a great singer had made for herself a corsage bouquet of these purple and white tints, and so well accepted was it that at a great social function every



woman of fashionable ways made this poor little flower in some way add to her beautiful toilette.

**F**OR the ornamentation of lawn parties, or any other outdoor functions, the golden rod combined with the China aster can be had for "no price," and act as an excellent bit of color for indoors or out. Piazzas can be treated with Japanese lanterns, small tables, on which can be vases of these bright yellow blossoms. This season the canvas chair with high back is quite the fashion. Also the white fur rug, which is a soft covering for the wooden porch; and that very suitable piece of furniture—

the sofa-rocker—which holds two people so conveniently and makes for the piazza such a boon.

**F**OR small tea houses or little casinos, the light blue denim furniture seems to take the lead. In this fabric the colors are now so beautifully given that it holds its own even with the Syrian linen, which is of a tone in color not a whit prettier, but finer in quality. To make these textures artistic a goodly show of white should be given, either in braiding or a couching, in which there can be added a water-color wash in cream or pure white tints. A whole room can be furnished by this strong and durable material, even to the wall coverings, but the scheme should be one that is carefully studied—arrangements made which form for the whole a brilliant success.

**I**N AUGUST, especially the later part, one's thoughts turn towards home—that is, to the making of certain articles needed when the life is taken up again in the apartments of a big city, in the decorative bits for special rooms, such as new bureau covers, the furnishings of tables and the linens used in the domestic table dressings.

**I**T IS wonderful what can be done with a simple piece of scrim. If a cover is desired for the toilette glass, measure well your stand, then give to the scrim some showy and conventional pattern, which can be first outlined in any tint preferred.

**I**F RED, then a rose effect can be given; if yellow, then a buttercup can be depicted; if blue is the dainty hue selected, then a ragged robin can be given, or some pretty design in which small buds with delicate green leaves can be added. All sorts of handiwork are just the thing for this warm month, when for the mornings the piazza fills an admirable need for those good people who should have fresh air and relaxation from serious duties.

**F**OR the brass bed the valance or small curtain just beyond the side and footboard is a most decorative bit. These affairs should match in tone the cover lid and pillow-shams. White, of course, for all such adornments is the best, still delicate tones are always used. They can be adjusted by a thick cord, which makes for the top a narrow ruffle. Of course, it should be of a fabric rather stout and durable, which can easily be washed and renovated when soiled, but it certainly proves a most delightful addition for any bed, which, of course, should be a focus to the room.

**A**N EXCELLENT and decorative medicine shelf or shelves can be made of any white wood and fastened to the wall quite high enough for reach in an upper hall. This affair can be poled by a gilt rod, on which can be hung some curtains of India silk in any solid tint preferred. To make this more attractive the sides can be etched or done in burnt poker work, the draperies remaining closed, of course, to hide the bottles and salves which are placed therein. There can be given to this object some four shelves deep and broad, and when well equipped the whole forms a very pretty scheme.